

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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ETERNAL LIFE PILLS: PART 2



RUSTLE



HEY,
THEY SMELL
LIKE CRAP SO
GO AND WASH
THEM OFF.

AH,
SURE..!



CREAK





SOMEONE THAT I KNOW RECOMMENDED
ME FOR THIS JOB BUT THIS TYPE OF WORK JUST
DOESN'T SEEM TO SUIT ME.



BUT I DESPERATELY NEED MONEY
RIGHT NOW SO I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
I HAVE TO JUST BITE THE BULLET AND KEEP WORKING
UNTIL I SAVE UP ENOUGH,

A two-panel comic strip. In the top panel, a man in a white lab coat is looking at a man in a dark jacket who is seen from the back. The man in the lab coat has a speech bubble. In the bottom panel, the man in the lab coat is shown in a close-up, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression. He has two speech bubbles. The background is a tiled wall with a sink and faucet visible on the left.

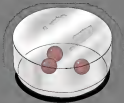
IT'S ONLY
WHEN THE CAPSULES
ARE IN A PERSON'S BODY
THAT THEY AREN'T
DAMAGED.

AHH...

THE CAPSULES
ARE PRETTY DURABLE
BUT THEY CAN BREAK
UNDER PRESSURE
OR HEAT.

JUST TRY TO
GET RID OF THE
SMELL AS MUCH
AS YOU CAN.

OKAY.





THE DIRECTOR OF THIS PLACE
MANAGES THE WASHED ETERNAL LIFE PILLS HIMSELF,
HE SEEMS TO CHECK THEM THOROUGHLY
SINCE THEY'RE EXPENSIVE,



I HAPPENED TO CATCH A GLIMPSE
OF THE INSIDE OF HIS SAFE ONE TIME,
AND IT LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS AT LEAST HUNDREDS
OF MILLIONS OF WON WORTH OF PILLS.

IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A SURREAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO ME.



STEP



STEP

I WONDER WHO CREATED
THE ETERNAL LIFE PILLS AND HOW THEY DID IT...



JUDGING FROM THE WAY
THIS WHOLE SYSTEM WORKS,
THEY CLEARLY WERE NOT MADE WITH
GOOD INTENTIONS.

IS BUYING AND SELLING
A PERSON'S LIFE FORCE LIKE THIS REALLY NORMAL..?



WOW,
I LIKE THIS PICTURE.
IT'S SO VIVID.



AH,
DO YOU THINK
SO?

A person is shown from the side, painting a wall with a brush. They are wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. The wall is a light, neutral color. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft light source from the left.

I FEEL
LIKE PAINTING
HELPS ME RELIEVE
STRESS.

I HOPE
I'LL BE ABLE TO
RUN LIKE THE PERSON
IN THIS PICTURE SOMEDAY
WHEN THIS DISEASE
IS CURED.

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AHH..

A man with short brown hair is standing and looking towards the left. He is wearing a green hooded jacket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

ARE YOU
DIRTY AGAIN?
TAKE A LITTLE
BREAK.

I'M
REALLY NOT
FEELING WELL
LATELY.

IT'S HARD
TO BE SEATED FOR
EVEN AN HOUR
OR TWO..

JUST HANG IN
THERE A BIT LONGER.
I'M GOING TO GET YOU
SOME PROPER MEDICAL
TREATMENT SOON.

UNTIL THEN,
JUST TAKE IT
EASY..

YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT..

IT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP TO EUNU IF
I COULD GET ONE OF THOSE ETERNAL LIFE PILLS..



THIS IS
CHAIRMAN
JOONGHYUN KIM'S
HOUSE.



YES, SIR.





COME
THIS WAY.

THIS
HOUSE IS
MASSIVE...

STEP

STEP



MR. JUNG,
ARE YOU
HERE?

HELLO,
SIR.

HELLO.

WOBBLE

I WAS
WAITING



FOR THE
ETERNAL LIFE
PILLS.



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I'M NOT
CRAZY ABOUT
THE IDEA THAT THESE
CAME OUT OF A PERSON'S
YOU KNOW, DOWN
THERE..

BUT
SINCE THEY
DEFINITELY
WORK..





UMPH..

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

UHHH..

HMMM..

AH..!!





THOSE THINGS
REALLY DO WORK
LIKE A CHARM..!

A man with dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, is speaking to two people whose backs are to the camera. The background is a simple grey gradient.

ALL OF MY
ACHING AND PAIN
DISAPPEARED IN
AN INSTANT..!



I'LL DOUBLE
THE PAYMENT IF
YOU SELL ME A BUNCH
OF THEM AT
ONCE.

Three men are shown in a conversation. The man on the left is partially visible, looking towards the other two. The man in the center is looking forward with a neutral expression. The man on the right is looking towards the center. They are all wearing dark jackets or hoodies.

WE
WOULD LIKE TO,
BUT THAT WOULD BE
A BIT DIFFICULT SINCE THE
SUPPLY IS STRICTLY
REGULATED.

OH WELL.

JUST DON'T
STOP DEALING
THEM TO ME.

THE BODIES OF THE RICH GET HEALTHIER
WHILE THE BODIES OF THE POOR GET WEAKER.
THE IDEA OF "THE RICH GET RICHER AND THE POOR GET POORER"
NOW APPLIES EVEN TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH.



I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
CAN AFFORD TO FORK OUT 100 MILLION WON
FOR ONE PILL..



THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED THEM THOUGH..



EUNJU!!



To be continued..